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CITY COUNCIL IN A HOT SESSION

Insurance Against Improvement West Street Causes Heated Arguments and Verbal Tilts. Some Resolutions Withdrawn from Petition.

From the standpoint of the speaker, the council meeting Monday was exceedingly interesting in the general opinion that no such session had been held in the past several months. It was the budget which furnished more thrills and excitement.

Members were on hand when Saxon called the meeting to order. Under reports of officers, Councilman Potter stated he had the Columbia Park in good order and reported that the park, or trestle on Hemlock adjoining the Dan Richardson property, was in dangerous condition and should be either repaired or removed. Councilman Larabee had examined the trestle and agreed with Mr. Potter. He thought if the marshal did the job, that the city would have to pay the bill and he was opposed to it. He again reiterated his opinion on using public money for improvement of private property, building sidewalks and fixtures when it was the abutting owner's duty to make such improvement. He instructed the marshal to tear down the trestle.

Councilman Dixon objects to tearing down the trestle and forcing the people who own this section of the city to build the middle of the road or to build the trestle and the trestle and assess the property owners, first to give the property owner the right to make the repairs. Councilman Potter spoke at some length and what he thought was an exorbitant price was mentioned from him. He stated that his business was in the city and that he used the streets very little in the operation of his business. He said that he did not want the council should insist on him \$30 per year for the use of operating his for hire. The mayor looked at the matter somewhat different light but the matter to the Finance Committee to investigate and report Monday night.

Resolution Asks For Street. Number of persons residing in the Addition and Zeigler's Addition before the council and that the improvement of the street be carried on. For several years they have been living in the city, paying their city taxes and the city has not kept the streets but neither sidewalks or improvements and the only way they cut wood and other supplies "cutting across lots" when they did not object. The mayor said that he was willing that should go through, but remonstrance had been filed and was any way possible to improvement made. It was done, the mayor said, and that he thought many had the remonstrance petition and the matter had been misinterpreted to them.

Levi said that he had signed remonstrance, but if he fully understood how the assessment was made and how it could be made, he would take his name off the remonstrance. Levi said he would take his name off the remonstrance, the cost per lot had been misrepresented to them. This was denied by Godfrey who said he took the matter to Mrs. Mattson and she explained it to her.

Levi and Wheeler Have Tilt. Councilman Wheeler in explaining remonstrance to some who asked for information, in the course of his explanation he realized that the residents were not so vituperated as those who lived in the city and that they didn't have sense enough to realize improvement would add to the value of their property. At the same time Godfrey's ire was kindled and he told Wheeler that the remonstrators had good cause and that he considered he knew what he was talking about. The interposed with "You are out of your mind" but this did not deter him from making another remark which prompted the mayor to call him and say, "That's enough" and Godfrey was silenced.

Cornish in his plea for the improvement said he was a farmer and his business was to produce and deliver it in that season. At the present time, it was able to get in with a team. He had 10 lots in that section, he had signed for the improvement of the street and wanted it.

COUNTY AGENT RETURNS FROM O. A. C.

Farmers' Week Convention and Community Gathering are Profitable to Agents and Farmers Alike.

County Agent T. J. Flippin, Jr., returned Sunday from Corvallis where he attended the Farmers' Week Convention and the County Agents' Convention. It was interesting to the county agents to know that two of their number, the county agents of Lake and Malheur counties, covered their territory which has a greater area than the entire state of Maine.

One of the most important subjects brought to the attention of the county agents at the convention, was the crying need of the Oregon Agricultural College for funds. A very illuminating lecture was delivered by the president, Dr. William J. Kerr, in which he stated that if the legislature does not substantially increase the appropriation for the college over last year's amount, and does not do it before July 1st, the institution will be threatened with dire disaster. President Kerr stated that the Oregon Agricultural College with its 3,000 students is next to the largest agricultural college in the United States. The state agricultural college at Ames, Iowa, alone having a larger registration than the Oregon institution.

Lectures in drainage, reclamation, and other farm topics were given and Mr. Flippin was on the program for an address on the operation and handling of gasoline engines and tractors. That his address was a good one and very instructive is the opinion of the college agricultural paper.

Mr. Flippin regrets that many of Columbia's farmers did not avail themselves of the opportunity to attend and participate in Farmers' Week. He met only three farmers from Columbia county: the Wonders brothers of Rainier and W. P. MacLay of Columbia City.

RILEY ENTERTAINS A LARGE AUDIENCE.

Some six hundred people gathered at the school auditorium Saturday night to hear Frank Branch Riley give his wonderful lecture, "The Lure of the Northwest" and to see the beautiful pictures of northwest scenery.

President Wheeler of the Chamber of Commerce, in a few well-chosen remarks, paid Mr. Riley a merited tribute and introduced him to the audience. Mr. Riley told of his experiences in the east when lecturing and showing pictures of the northwest, and he had his audience convulsed with laughter. His preliminary remarks and wondrous description of the scenes presented on the screen were as interesting, if not more so, than were the pictures which are indescribably beautiful.

The consensus of opinion is that people of St. Helens had an intellectual treat and they highly appreciate the generosity of the McCormick interests who made it possible for Mr. Riley to come to St. Helens.

If the present condition continued we had better go back to the jungles," he said, and the mayor added, "some of them belong there." It wasn't right the mayor thought that people "who wanted ingress and egress should be held up on account of a few who didn't live in the territory affected." At this juncture Godfrey arose and said he would withdraw his name from the remonstrance on account of the showing made by the people who wanted the street. Mr. Godfrey owns about 22 lots in the district. It was decided to have a committee from Railroad Addition prepare a petition and circulate it among the remonstrators asking them to take their names off of the petition so that the street work could be done.

Dock Matters Discussed.

Councilman Wheeler stated that a firm who wished to establish a large machine shop had asked him to present to the council the matter of the city's building a shop 50x100 ft. on the north side of the roadway leading to the dock. No estimate of the cost of building such shop had been made as he wanted to ascertain from the council their attitude in the matter before going further. J. W. Akin and W. A. Levi, two of the parties who would be interested in the venture stated that they would lease the building and pay a monthly rental of \$50 if the city would erect the building. Some of the members of the council and the mayor expressed themselves as favorably impressed with the idea and requested Mr. Wheeler to prepare an estimate of the expense of the building contemplated and present it at the next meeting of the council. Several of the citizens present spoke in favor of the matter and there were some who did not favor it. Mr. Wheeler thought that by erecting the building and getting an income from it, that the dock which at the present time does not produce any revenue for the city, could be used and become a saving proposition.

W. J. Fullerton spoke at length as to harbor improvement and the necessity of the city obtaining more water frontage. He thought that a sea wall from the courthouse north to Nigger Creek should be built and a dredge while deepening the channel, could pump the sand in behind the seawall as was done in Astoria. There was a general discussion along these lines. Several other matters were attended to before the council adjourned which event occurred about 11 o'clock P. M.

New Catholic Church as it Will Appear



PLANS FOR NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

Architect's Plans are Accepted and Work on Handsome New Edifice to Start Soon. Will be Built of Native Stone.

The Catholic people of St. Helens and vicinity have decided to erect a new church this Spring. The accompanying picture, made from sketches submitted by the architect Jacobberger and Smith, gives an idea of this handsome building which will be an ornament to the city. The old Tudor Gothic style which shall prevail in all its lines will be emphasized by the use of Columbia County stone.

The growth of the congregation has necessitated a larger church; and the generosity of Mr. Henry Morgus has made the project possible. He contributed four thousand dollars in memory of his son, Fred who died last fall and whose name is held in high esteem by all who knew him. The congregation will raise the remainder of the building cost. Many friends of Fred Morgus, and other citizens who believe in assisting anything which will be for the betterment of the city, have promised their staunch support.

Speaking about the matter, Father Clancy said: "Our present congregation certainly will not overtax the capacity of the proposed church; and while we are not building for a theoretical congregation, it has nevertheless been our experience that Catholic families will move in and permanently settle where they can always have ample opportunity to practise their religion. In this respect at least, the new church will be an asset to the community; and those who are familiar with the work of the Catholic Church need not be told what an influence for good it exercises on a community—quiet and unassuming. It is true, but sound and substantial. The aid that has been offered us already by our fellow citizens is deeply appreciated."

Mr. and Mrs. George Broughton of Portland spent the week-end in St. Helens and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Broughton.

CAMPBELL TRIES TO END HIS LIFE

Takes Liberal Dose of Strychnine But is Discovered in Time. Is Recovering and Claims Poison Given Him by Joe Stricklevitch.

Dana Campbell who was confined in the county jail on a charge of non-support of his wife and son, attempted to commit suicide Friday evening. After eating a hearty supper, Campbell took four capsules of strychnine which he had obtained in some manner unknown. A fellow inmate noticed how sick Campbell was and called P. W. Harrison who was at work in the courthouse. Dr. Ross was notified and was soon on the scene. He worked with Campbell and finally brought him around. The man was unconscious until Saturday afternoon and was a very sick man and not until Tuesday did Dr. Ross consider him out of danger.

Campbell is unable to speak, and his hearing is impaired. The muscles of his legs contract frequently, so he walks with difficulty. Dr. Ross states that these are the symptoms of and after effects of strychnine and believes Campbell will soon be all right, though his hearing and talking may be affected for some time.

Glad He Didn't Succeed.

In answer to a question asked him by the Mist, Campbell wrote on a piece of paper that he was glad he didn't succeed and now he wanted to live and be a man. He stated that he took four capsules and at the time he took them, he wanted to die, but things looked different now.

He was asked if the report as to his having a wife in Tennessee was true. He said he was married to a girl in that state when he was 18 years of age, but she ran away with another man.

Accuses Stricklevitch.

Campbell accuses Stricklevitch of being the person who gave him the poison. Deputy Sheriff Butler questioned him and he said that "Joe" was the man. Mr. Butler states that Campbell informed him by writing, that Stricklevitch told him (Campbell) that he was "up against a hard thing" and Campbell expressed a desire to die. Joe, it is claimed, offered to get a pistol, but Campbell didn't want to go that way, he preferred "an easier route" so suggested.

SCHOOL PLAY MAKES BIG HIT

Audience Delighted at Splendid Performance. Little Ones Act Parts Well.

The entertainment given in the school auditorium Friday night by the children of the first, second, third and fourth grades, exceeded any like previous entertainment and the audience of 600 or more people thoroughly enjoyed the entire performance. The songs, acting and dancing were good and showed that the children had received the proper training for the occasion. The stage was beautifully decorated and some of the scenes would have done credit to a real grown up company and a fully equipped stage.

The High School orchestra under the direction of Professor Olsen, furnished several selections which pleased the audience. The personnel of the orchestra is Louis LaBare, Max Wilson, Wade Rutherford, Ronald Blakesley, Oury Hisey, the Wellborn brothers, and Miss Mabel Davies is accompanist.

Every actor and actress carried out perfectly the parts assigned to them and each act made just as big a hit as the act preceding it. The cast of characters were:

Saint Valentine, Rashleigh Peel; Queen of Hearts, Ruth Levi; Policeman, William Lind; Colonial Minuet Dancers: Virginia Morton, Nattie Ryan, Zuzet Fitch, Natalie Tarbell, Jane Day, Evelyn Russell, Patricia Dixon, Mildred Adams. Quakers: Ola Roundtree, Rosie Adams, Corinne Constantin, Alice Cooper, Nova Felton, Merle Bronson, Johnny Dethman, Charles Amasa. Pilgrims: Sam Keith, Paul Dixon, Orel Clemendring, Muriel Bishop, Ada LeMay, Gertrude Palmer, Lucy Smith, Thelma Bronson. Court Jester, Mintell Rountree. High Chamberlain, Clarence Aiken.

Japanese Maidens: Amie Sten, Alice K. Metsker, Ruth Conates, Dorothy Dethman, Louise George, Betty Day, Margaret Cates, Elsie Morgan, Marion Sutherland, Elizabeth Boyd.

Coons: Rider Chroni, Ora Marsh Willa LeMay, Wayne Mason, Donald Chapman, Arden Gage, William Colt, Alfred Disterio, Dante Ceccato, Helen Booth, June Hiatt, Jean Tyson.

Cupids: Elizabeth Esson, Elizabeth McDonald, Helen Stone, Marian Morgan, Esther Welinder, Ruth Rubins, Richard Hobbs, Robert Russell, Charlotte Gain.

Councillors: Swenson Morton, Donald Tabor, Milton Miles, Ronald Sutherland, William Bennett.

Posters: LeRoy Hollingsworth, Clifford Ingham, Raymond Kelley.

About \$115 was realized from the performance and this sum will go to aid the orchestra in getting music and instruction. Mrs. A. F. Barnett, Mrs. A. B. Lake, Mrs. Geo. Wilson and Miss Sain trained the little ones and much credit is due them for the thoroughness of their work and the delightful entertainment.

JOINT INSTALLATION I. O. O. F.—REBEKAHS.

The recently elected officers of St. Helens Lodge No. 117, I. O. O. F. and St. Helens Rebekah Lodge No. 217 were installed Saturday night. The installing officers for the I. O. O. F. were Past Grand Uther Clark who was assisted by Past Grand W. J. Fullerton, Raymond Price, Charles White, E. A. Ross and Scott Snelling. The installing officers for the Rebekahs were Past Noble Grand Florence Snelling assisted by Mrs. R. L. Price, Mrs. Minnie Asmand, Mrs. Rhoda McKie, Mrs. Eliza J. Blakesley and Mrs. Ora Bennett. The officers installed are: I. O. O. F.: W. A. Levi, N. G., Wm. A. Brown, V. G., Charles W. Blakesley, secretary, Grant C. Robey, treasurer, Percy H. Veazie, warden, B. E. Cooper, conductor, Raymond L. Price, R. S. N. G., Wm. H. Davies, L. S. N. G., Charles Graves, R. S. V. G., Samuel B. Ingham, L. S. V. G., Percy W. Harrison, I. G., John McKie, O. G., Wm. H. Simmons, R. S. S., James W. Akin, L. S. S., Samuel J. Keith, chaplain. Trustee for three years, J. W. Akin.

Those installed in the Rebekah lodge were: Mrs. Ella Smith, N. G., Mrs. E. A. Crouse, V. G., Opal Smith, secretary, Mrs. William Howell, treasurer, Nellie Keith, warden, Hazel Britten, conductor, Florence Snelling, chaplain, Mrs. Jesse Lansing, R. S. N. G., Mrs. Ora Bennett, L. S. N. G., Mrs. John Phillips, R. S. V. G., Emma A. Britten, L. S. V. G., Mrs. William A. Brown, I. G., Mrs. A. S. Cooper, O. G.

The installation was put on in a very creditable manner and after the lodge session and business transaction, a banquet was served in the dining room. Judge Fullerton, assisted by committees from each lodge, attended to the details of the banquet. Over two hundred were present.

ed poison, and according to his statement, was supplied with it by Stricklevitch. Stricklevitch was arrested Monday night and lodged in jail. He denies having given "anything" to Campbell. His preliminary hearing was on Wednesday afternoon and Judge Hazen bound him over to the grand jury and fixed bail at \$1,000 which was given Thursday evening. He is charged with aiding in the attempt at self murder by "willfully procuring poison for one Dana Campbell."

The Campbell case and its near tragic ending has caused much interest in St. Helens and the entrance of Stricklevitch into the matter makes of it all the more tangled.

ROAD SUPERVISORS ARE APPOINTED

Few Changes Made in Force of Men Who Superintend Building of County's Roads. Road District No. 2 has Supervisor All by Itself.

The County Court made their selection of road supervisors or road force men for the ensuing year at their session which ended this week. Few changes were made in the personnel of the road builders.

George Grant will continue his work in Districts No. 1 and 10. These districts voted special taxes this year and Grant will have his hands full looking after the work.

Road District No. 2, the Warren district which for the past two years has been linked with district No. 1, has been separated from that district and John Kallberg appointed supervisor.

U. W. Clark will again look after the work in District No. 3 and District No. 12 (St. Helens). The former has quite an amount of special road money and that with the general road levy will give Mr. Clark a considerable amount of money for road building.

John Burns was re-appointed as supervisor in district No. 4, Deer Island, and Fritz Anliker who has made such a good record in the Goble section was also reappointed.

T. J. Flippin continues on the job in district No. 6 and will also have charge of the work in the Rainier City district, while J. L. Dearing will continue to superintend the work in district No. 7 and the City of Clatskanie.

Change in District 8.

Ed. Meier is the new appointee in District No. 8, the Mist and Lower Nehalem country and Bert Mills will continue as supervisor in District No. 9 and Vernonia City. Mr. Mills has made an excellent record as a road builder and the court realizes it. J. D. Brown is appointed supervisor in District No. 15 which is on Sauvie Island. Heretofore no road work has been done on the Island, and the district has a neat little sum for road expenditure.

The county court realizes that it is for the best interest of the county to keep experienced men as supervisors and have followed this system for the past several years. They are well satisfied with the men who will direct the work and feel confident that the road building plans formulated will be carried out.

MUSIC CLASS ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Bertha Woods entertained her music pupils Saturday afternoon at a piano recital and program given at the residence of Mrs. Burton Williams. After the program, refreshments were served. Following is Dance, Miss Rose Adams and Mrs. Woods; Song, Forever Blowing Bubbles, LeRoy Hollingsworth; Dance of the Brownies, Miss Lillian Van Natta; On Parade March, Miss Ruth Levi; Duet, Piano-Violin, Miss Lillian Van Natta and Master George Hollingsworth; Dance of the Rain Drops, Miss Marion Morton; Fifth Nocturne, Miss Helen Rice; Twilight Shadows, Miss Beatrice Lake.

Part 2: Song, Miss Mattie Ryan; Barcarolla, Miss Eleanor Fultz; Top Spinning, Miss Edith Lake; Ebb and Flow, Miss Rose Adams; Rose Dreams, Miss Alice Loyd; Pictures Glimmering Song, Miss Edna Ommundson; Reverie, Miss Serena Matlin; May Flowers, Duet, Master Lewis Quam and Mrs. Woods.

Part 3: Song of the Brook, Miss Mary McKie; March, Miss Nova Felton; Waltz, Miss Helen Loyd; The Morning Prayer Duet, b-Maiden Why Weepst Thou, Miss Nettie Ryan; a-Birthday Waltz, b-The Dove, Miss Lavell Woodhouse; Song, Wheu you Saug Hush-a-bye-baby to Me, Miss Ruth Levi; Pixie Dreams, Master George Blackburn; Stand by the Flag, Miss Ada Cole; March of the Sages, Miss Lois Masten; Song, Miss Bessie Jacobsen; Fairy Gallop, Robert Blackburn; Intermezzo-duet, Miss Mildred Adams and Mrs. Woods.

CENSUS WORK IS PROGRESSING

Mrs. Fannie M. George who is taking the census in the St. Helens precinct informs the Mist that at Wednesday night she had canvassed St. Helens proper from the river front to the DeSpain hill and had enumerated between 1400 and 1500 names. A small section on River street had not been canvassed and several of the rooming houses had not been thoroughly canvassed.

The district, with a few houses which Mrs. George will call at later, which remains to be enumerated is from the DeSpain hill to the westerly limits of West St. Helens. It is hardly probable that the district to be worked will produce the number of people to bring up the population of the city to the estimate of those who claim to have a "good idea" as to the number of inhabitants.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon, a committee was appointed to assist Mrs. George and aid her in getting any who might have been overlooked. If there are any in St. Helens who have been overlooked, if they will leave their names at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, the committee and Mrs. George will see to it that an opportunity is offered to be enumerated.

